

## SENATE BILL No. 552

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 21-14-4-1.

**Synopsis:** Tuition exemption for children of veterans. Removes the requirement that a veteran served during a time of war or performed hazardous duty recognized by an award or campaign medal in order for the veteran's child to receive a tuition and fee exemption at a state educational institution.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs & The Military.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-14-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.6-2012,  
2 SECTION 148, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies to the  
4 following persons:  
5 (1) A person who:  
6 (A) is a pupil at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home;  
7 (B) was admitted to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home  
8 because the person was related to a member of the armed  
9 forces of the United States;  
10 (C) is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at the state  
11 educational institution the person will attend as determined by  
12 the institution; and  
13 (D) possesses the requisite academic qualifications.  
14 (2) A person:  
15 (A) whose mother or father:  
16 (i) served in the armed forces of the United States;



(ii) received the Purple Heart decoration or was wounded as a result of enemy action;

(iii) received a discharge or separation from the armed forces other than a dishonorable discharge; and

(iv) either designated Indiana as home of record at the time of enlistment in the armed forces of the United States or resided in Indiana at least five (5) years before the person first applies for benefits under this chapter;

(B) who is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at the state educational institution the person will attend as determined by the institution;

(C) who possesses the requisite academic qualifications;

(D) who, if the person was adopted by the person's mother or father, was adopted before the person was eighteen (18) years of age; and

(E) who is not more than thirty-two (32) years of age when the person first applies and becomes eligible for benefits under this chapter.

(3) A person:

(A) whose mother or father:

(i) served in the armed forces of the United States; ~~during a war; or performed duty equally hazardous that was recognized by the award of a service or campaign medal of the United States;~~

(ii) suffered a service connected death or disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

(iii) received any discharge or separation from the armed forces other than a dishonorable discharge; and

(iv) either listed Indiana as home of record at the time of enlistment in the armed forces of the United States or resided in Indiana at least five (5) years before the person first applies for benefits under this chapter;

(B) who is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at the state educational institution the person will attend, as determined by the institution;

(C) who possesses the requisite academic qualifications;

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1 this chapter.

